

Sportsman's Access Signing



A New SAFETEA-LU Program

On August 10, 2005, the President signed into law the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users, known as SAFETEA-LU.

This new transportation act added a new eligible activity for forest highway funds under Section 1119-Federal Lands Highways. Subsection (m) paragraph (2) authorizes up to \$1 million of forest highway funds per fiscal year for signs identifying public hunting



and fishing accesses. This activity could help improve public awareness of hunting and fishing on the national forests and grasslands.

This act offers forest highway managers a great opportunity to install uniform access signs on all forest highways identifying accesses and parking. Good access designation can help prevent resource damage while providing the sporting public with recreational opportunities along forest highways.

The primary recipients of these funds will be county road maintenance organizations and independent highway districts responsible for maintaining forest highways. Forest Service road managers and State highway maintenance organizations also may qualify for funding in some situations.

Signs must conform to the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.



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